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SUMMARY: AT HASTILY SCHEDULED OPENING PLENARY JUNE 21,
DELEGATES HEARD ARGENTINE UNDERSECRETARY VAZQUEZ BLAST
INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM AS TOOL OF U. S. IMPERIALISM.
VAZQUEZ BLAMED OAS FOR MAINTAINING LATIN AMERICAN
DEPENDENCY, RIDICULED U. S. POLICY OF MATURE PARTNER-
SHIP, AND MADE UNFRIENDLY REFERENCES TO CANAL ZONE,
CUBA' S EXCLUSION, ITT INVOLVEMENT IN CHILE, U. S.
" ECONOMIC AGGRESSION," MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS,
GUANTANAMO, AND OTHERS - STOPPING JUST SHORT OF CALLING
FOR U. S. EXCLUSION FROM OAS. END SUMMARY.

1. VAZQUEZ SAID HIS ASSIGNMENT HERE WAS TO INDICATE NEW
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT' S VIEW OF INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM
IN CONTEXT OF LATIN AMERICAN HOPES FOR LIBERATION AND
INTEGRATION. THAT VIEWPOINT WAS UNQUALIFIEDLY NEGATIVE:
FAR FROM ADVANCING LATIN AMERICAN REVOLUTION, IT HAD
GENERALLY BEEN AN OBSTACLE TO OVERCOMING REGION ' S
BALKANIZATION, A TOOL OF IMPERIALIST DIPLOMACY AND
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FOREIGN HEGEMONY, A BUREAUCRATIC BARRIER AGAINST LATIN SOLIDARITY.

2. CIRITICISM OF OAS WAS NOTHING NEW, VAZQUEZ CONTINUED, BUT EVERY PREVIOUS EFFORT AT REFORM HAD BOGGED DOWN IN TECHNICAL TRIVIA AND SECRECY. PRESENT MEETING SEEMED ALREADY HEADED IN SAME DIRECTION. THIS TIME WE SHOULD FACE FACTS: WE CAN'T CONTINUE WITH SYSTEM WHICH ONLY SERVES TO PROTECT IMPERIALIST PENETRATION, WE MUST HAVE NEW INSITITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS WHICH ENCOURAGE REGIONAL SOLIDARITY AND ENHANCE " REVOLUTIONARY PLUSALISM" -- AND WHICH END, ONCE AND FOR ALL, SUCH OUTRAGES AS CUBA'S EXCLUSION. (CUBA, HE ADDED, IS CLEARLY ENTITLED UNDER OASGA RESOLUTION 127 TO TAKE PART IN PRESENT REFORM PROCESS.)

3. VAZQUEZ THEN TRACED SYSTEM'S ILLS BACK TO FAILURE OF 1826 CONGRESS OF PANAMA, WHEN BOLIVAR 'S DREAM OF LATIN AMERICAN UNITY WAS " SACRIFICED TO CONCEPT OF PANAMERICANSISM WHICH INSTITUTIONALIZED REGION'S DEPENDENCY." BENEATH GUISE OF JURIDICAL EQUALITY AND SUPPOSED COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS, U. S. SUCCEDED YEAR BY YEAR IN IMPOSING ITS CAPITALIST HEGEMONY THROUGH OAS AND ITS ANTECEDENTS. PERON, IN CONTRAST, OPTED IN FAVOR OF THIRD WORLD ASSOCIATION BECAUSE HE SAW THAT NOTION OF SOLIDARITY AND COMMON INTERESTS WITH U. S. WAS, AND REMAINS, COMPLETELY FALSE. MATURE PARTNERSHIP IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN INTERESTS ARE CONTRARY, WHEN ONE PARTNER MAKES VASSALS OF OTHERS, IMPOSES MILITARY BASES ON THEIR TERRITORY, AND EXCLUDES PORTION OF ITS OWN TERRITORY FROM SELF- RULE.

4. CONCLUSION IS OBVIOUS: NO FORUM CAN EMBRACE BOTH OPPRESSOR AND OPPRESSED, BOTH PRETENSIONS TO IMPERIALISM AND HUNGER FOR FREEDOM. IT IS TIME TO ABANDON ILLUSION OF ASSOCIATION WITH U. S., WHICH HAS ONLY BROUGHT BITTERNESS AND DISAPPOINTMENT, AND CREATE ANTI- IMPERIALIST UNION OF OUR OWN. WE MUST ALSO TAKE MORE CRITICAL LOOK AT MATURE PARTNERSHIP IDEA ITSLEF, SINCE IT WOULD SEEM TO ASSUME PERMANENT DIVISION OF WORLD AMONG SUPERPOWERS , PERHAPS EVEN AN IMPLICIT AGREEMENT AMONG UNCLASSIFIED

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THEM ON HOW TO COPE WITH THIRD WORLD LIBERATION EFFORTS. U. S. HAS ANNOUNCED AND IS PRACTICING POLICY OF STRICT BILATERALISM, AIMED AT DILUTING LATIN SOLIDARITY, PROMOTING BALKANIZATION, AND KEEPING REGION WEAK. BY YEAR 2000, IT WOULD HAVE US ALL COMPLETELY DOMINATED.

5. WE MUST THEREFORE FACE PROBLEMS FEARLESSLY, VAZQUEZ,

WENT ON:

A. WE MUST REEXAMINE RIO TREATY, IN WHICH OVERPOWERING PRESENCE OF U . S. HAS LED TO SUCH ABUSES AND OUTRAGES AS BAY OF PIGS, INTERVENTION IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND EXCLUSION OF CUBA.

B. WE MUST REEXAMINE SITUATION WHICH PERMITS EXTRACONTINENTAL POWERS TO CONTINUE OCCUPYING LATIN AMERICAN TERRITORIES.

C. WE MUST CONSIDER NORMS FOR ENSURING THAT OUR COMMON NATURAL RESOURCES ARE NOT UNILATERALLY EXPLOITED BY ONE MEMBER (READ BRAZIL) TO DETRIMENT OF OTHERS.

D. WE MUST CONSIDER MEANS FOR COPING WITH MULTI-NATIONALS, WHICH HAVE BECOME IMPERIALISM'S MOST SUBTLE MEANS OF MILKING AND WEAKENING LDC' S-- VICTIMIZATION OF CHILE BY ITT IS PRIME EXAMPLE OF THREAT FROM THESE NEW ECONOMIC COLOSSI.

E. WE MUST OPPOSE AND COUNTER ECONOMIC AGGRESSION, IMPERIALISM' S SOPHISTICATED NEW STRATEGY FOR SUBJUGATING WEAK NATIONS WITHOUT DIRECT USE OF FORCE: HICKENLOOPER AMENDMENT, ECONOMIC BLOCS, TRADE EMBARGOES, INTER-FERENCE IN MARKETS, DISCRIMINATORY DUTIES, AND DUMPING OF STRATEGIC MATERIALS ARE WEAPONS IN THIS NEW ARSENAL.

6. WINDING UP WITH BALCONY- TYPE DEMAGOGY (THOUGH CROWD WAS SPARSE), VAZQUEZ SHOUTED " BASTA"--" ENOUGH" OF DOMINATION AND INDUSTICE; OF DEPENDENCY; OF COLONIALISM AND SATELLITES; OF PHONY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DIVISION OF LABOR WHICH ALWAYS GIVES US SERVANT' S ROLE ; OF MARKET EXPANSION WHICH ONLY SERVES INTERESTS OF MULTINATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPANIES -- AND ENOUGH, ONCE AND FOR ALL, OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH OPERATE CONTRARY TO THEIR MEMBERS' INTERESTS . ARGENTINA DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MERE TECHNICAL REFORMS OF INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM WILL RESPOND TO REAL PROBLEMS, MUCH LESS MAKE IT AN INSTRUMENT TO PROMOTE LIBERATION OF LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES. ARGENTINA WILL NOT COMMIT HERSELF TO SUPPORTING MERE COSMETIC MEASURES WHICH PRESERVE AN UNJUST STATUS QUO. PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICAN DEMAND AN END TO ALL FORMS OF DOMINATION, HUMILIATION, AND MISERY-- NOT PALLIATIVES. " VIVA AMERICA." BELCHER

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